

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (original) An aiming device for billiards comprising:
  - (a) a substantially rigid base;
  - (b) a first reference element positioned on said base, said first reference element extending along a substantially straight line;
  - (c) a first handle rotatably mounted to said base and having a rotational axis that intersects and is perpendicular to said first reference element, said first handle having a substantially straight inner edge disposed along a line that intersects and is perpendicular to said rotational axis;
  - (d) a second handle rotatably mounted to said base at said rotational axis, said second handle having a substantially straight inner edge disposed along a line that intersects and is perpendicular to said rotational axis; and
  - (e) a means for imposing symmetrical motion of said first handle and said second handle, so that the angle between the inner edge of said first handle and said first reference element is maintained as substantially equal to the angle between the inner edge of said second handle and said first reference element.
2. (original) An aiming device for billiards according to claim 1, wherein said means for imposing symmetrical motion of said first handle and said second handle comprises:
  - (a) a first link arm pivotally mounted at one end to said first handle and slidably mounted at the other end to said base; and
  - (b) a second link arm pivotally mounted at one end to said second handle and slidably mounted at the other end to said base.

3. (original) An aiming device for billiards according to claim 1, further comprising:
  - (a) a first sighting element extending along the inner edge of said first handle; and
  - (b) a second sighting element extending along the inner edge of said second handle.
4. (original) An aiming device for billiards according to claim 3, wherein one end of each of said sighting elements terminates at said rotational axis.
5. (original) An aiming device for billiards according to claim 1, wherein said base includes a second reference element extending from said rotational axis toward the top edge of said base and perpendicular to said first reference element.
6. (original) An aiming device for billiards according to claim 1, wherein said first reference element comprises the top edge of said base.
7. (new) An aiming device for billiards according to claim 1, wherein said base is formed of substantially transparent material.
8. (new) An aiming device for billiards according to claim 1, wherein said first handle and said second handle are formed of substantially transparent material.